



Town of Groton, Connecticut

Meeting Agenda

Town Council

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Town Clerk 860-441-6640
Town Manager 860-441-6630

Mayor Heather Bond Somers, Councilors Dean G. Antipas, Bruce S. Flax, Bill Johnson, Frank O'Beirne, Jr., Deborah L. Peruzzotti, Rita M. Schmidt, James L. Streeter, and Harry A. Watson

Tuesday, July 17, 2012

7:30 PM

Town Hall Annex - Community Room 1

REGULAR MEETING

I. ROLL CALL

II. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

III. RECOGNITION, AWARDS & MEMORIALS

2012-0203 Proclamation Honoring Richard and Dorothy Wilson

Proclamation - TC

Groton 4th of July Parade Awards

Presentation of Awards for 4th of July Parade

IV. RECEIPT OF CITIZENS' PETITIONS, COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

This is the portion of the Council Agenda where the Council welcomes comments from citizens. Each presentation should be limited to five (5) minutes or less, and citizens should, if possible, submit written comments. Presentations should be related to matters pertinent to Groton. Town Councilors will only ask questions in order to clarify the speaker's presentation and can respond during the Responses to Citizens' Petitions portion of the Town Council meeting. Citizens should make their presentations from the lectern and state their names and addresses for the record.

V. RESPONSES TO CITIZENS' PETITIONS, COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

VI. CONSENT CALENDAR

All matters listed under Item VI (Consent Calendar) are considered to be routine and will be enacted by one motion. No separate discussion of these items will take place, unless cause is shown prior to the time Council votes on the motion to adopt.

a. Approval of Minutes

2012-0217 Approval of Minutes (Town Council)

Resolution - Consent

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Town Council meeting of June 26, 2012 are hereby accepted and approved.

b. Administrative Items

2012-0209 Special Trust Fund Contributions

Resolution - Consent

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING CONTRIBUTIONS TO SPECIAL TRUST FUNDS

RESOLVED, that the Town Council hereby accepts contributions to the Town as follows:

Trillium Garden Club - \$400.00 - Library Miscellaneous

Ryan Connolly - \$117.00 - Library Miscellaneous

Mystic Garden Club - \$600.00 - Jabez Smith House

Knights of Rizal - \$50.00 - Library Miscellaneous

Charles Rogers - \$25.00 - Social Services Discretionary

Lee Vincent - \$50.00 - Social Services Discretionary

Mark Bassler - \$25.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
 Robert and Phyllis Boggs - \$6.95 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
 Audrey Burgess - \$3.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
 Donna Lane - \$5.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
 Demetrios Orphanides - \$50.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
 Lionel and Fay Taylor - \$50.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
 Anne Wimsey - \$20.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
 City of Groton - \$261.63 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program

c. Deletions from the Town Council Referral List

2012-0148	Tax Abatement/Deferral/Exemption Programs - Update	Referral
2012-0210	Historic Documents Preservation Grant (2013)	Referral
2012-0216	Voting District Changes	Referral
2012-0218	Setting Public Hearing on Sandy Hollow Road Resurfacing	Referral
2012-0219	Appointment of William Everett as a Regular Member of the Historic District Commission	Referral

VII. COMMUNICATION REPORTS (Other than Committee Reports)

- a. Town Councilors**
- b. Clerk of the Representative Town Meeting**
- c. Clerk of the Council**
- d. Town Manager**
- e. Town Attorney**

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Community & Cultural Development - Chairman Schmidt**
- b. Economic Development - Chairman Johnson**
- c. Education/Health & Social Services - Chairman Watson**
- d. Environment/Energy - Chairman Peruzzotti**
- e. Finance - Chairman O'Beirne**
- f. Personnel/Appointments/Rules - Chairman Flax**
- g. Public Safety - Chairman Streeter**
- h. Public Works/Recreation - Chairman Antipas**
- i. Committee of the Whole - Mayor Somers**

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

X. NEW BUSINESS

2012-0210	Historic Documents Preservation Grant (2013)	Referral
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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER A
 CONTRACT FOR A HISTORIC DOCUMENTS PRESERVATION GRANT
 WHEREAS, the Town of Groton will benefit by the continuance of the Historic Document

Preservation Program which will be enabled and enhanced by grant funding, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Mark R. Oefinger, Town Manager of the Town of Groton, is empowered to execute and deliver in the name and on behalf of this municipality a contract with the Connecticut State Library for an Historic Documents Preservation Grant.

Legislative History

7/3/2012 Mayor Referred Town Council Committee of th

7/10/2012 Town Council Committee of the Whole Discussed

Town Manager Oefinger noted that the grant would be used to replace software in the Town Clerk's Office. No matching dollars are required.

7/10/2012 Town Council Committee of the Whole Recommended for a Resolution

2012-0216 Voting District Changes Referral

RESOLUTION CHANGING VOTING DISTRICT LINES

WHEREAS, the State Reapportionment Commission has redrawn the boundaries of Assembly Districts 40 and 41 based on the census of 2010, and Connecticut General Statutes Sec. 9-169b requires that the municipal legislative body approve new voting district lines, and

WHEREAS, Connecticut General Statutes Sec. 9-169 does not allow voting district lines to conflict with the lines of congressional districts, senate districts or assembly districts, and

WHEREAS, the Town's Registrars of Voters find it necessary to redraw the lines of the portions of Districts 1, 4 and 5 that are in conflict with the new assembly district lines, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the lines of the Town of Groton Voting Districts that conflict with the new assembly district lines be redrawn in conformity with the assembly districts as redrawn by the State Reapportionment Commission. (See attached map.)

Legislative History

7/3/2012 Mayor Referred Town Council Committee of th

7/10/2012 Town Council Committee of the Whole Discussed

Town Clerk Betsy Moukawsher noted that this referral is in response to changes in the congressional district plan requiring a modification of Town voting districts 1, 4 and 5. The Town Clerk requested a resolution from the Town Council authorizing the boundary changes.

Town Manager Oefinger noted that a similar procedure was followed in 1992 and 2002. The resolution would make minor adjustments to the voting districts and will have to be followed up with an ordinance. Any combination of districts could be done by another ordinance. The resolution will establish the districts for the upcoming elections. Watson disclosed that he is a candidate in the 41st district.

7/10/2012 Town Council Committee of the Whole Recommended for a Resolution

2012-0218 Setting Public Hearing on Sandy Hollow Road Resurfacing Referral

RESOLUTION SETTING PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER RESURFACING OF SANDY HOLLOW ROAD, A DESIGNATED SCENIC ROAD

WHEREAS, on January 19, 1999, by resolution, the Town Council designated Sandy Hollow Road as a Scenic Road according to Town ordinances, Sec. 13.5-121 to 13.5-124, and

WHEREAS, the Groton Department of Public Works has recommended resurfacing of Sandy Hollow Road, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Council will hold a public hearing on the resurfacing of Sandy Hollow Road on Tuesday, August 7, 2012, at 7:30 p.m. at Town Hall Annex Community Room 1.

Legislative History

7/10/2012	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Recommended for a Resolution	
2012-0219	Appointment of William Everett as a Regular Member of the Historic District Commission		Referral

RESOLUTION APPOINTING WILLIAM EVERETT AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

RESOLVED, that William C. Everett, 1 Prospect Street, Mystic, is hereby appointed as a regular member (from an alternate member) to the Historic District Commission for a term ending 12/31/12.

Legislative History

7/10/2012	Town Council Personnel/Appointments/Rules /Legislation Committee (2011)	Recommended for a Resolution
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XI. OTHER BUSINESS

XII. ADJOURNMENT